



NEWS

State of Delaware
Department of Finance
Division of Revenue
www.state.de.us/revenue

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, March 8, 2004

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
David M. Smith
Division of Revenue
(302) 577-8958

WILMINGTON INSURANCE AGENT INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES

(Wilmington, DE) – Patrick T. Carter, Director of Revenue announced today that the Grand Jury for the Superior Court in New Castle County returned an indictment against Christopher Joyner, 50, a Wilmington insurance agent.

According to the indictment, Joyner was charged with three misdemeanor counts of willfully failing to file State of Delaware personal income tax returns and report more than \$470,000.00 of gross income received from the operation of his licensed insurance business in the years 2000, 2001, and 2002. The vast majority of this income was comprised of insurance commissions.

Joyner was self-employed as an insurance agent in Wilmington, Delaware and was required to file a personal income tax return for each of the years in question, yet failed to file tax returns reporting his income. The Division of Revenue calculated the state's tax loss, including penalties and interest, at more than \$6,000.00.

The charges against Joyner stem from an investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit and referred to the Delaware Attorney General's office for indictment and prosecution.

The three misdemeanor tax offenses are each punishable by up to a maximum one-year imprisonment and up to \$2,300 in fines.

Joyner awaits arraignment and trial date in Superior Court in Wilmington.

###